



Judith "Judy" Jean Jackson

August 13, 1941 - June 25, 2017

Judith Jean Jackson, Murphysboro, died on June 25 at age 75. Judy was born in Murphysboro on August 13, 1941, to Harold Newton Jackson and Helen Lempke Jackson. She grew up at the family residence at 15 South 14th Street where her father ran the Photo Shop.

Judy went to Logan Elementary School until her parents divorced around 1950. Her mother remarried and moved to Bald Knob, Arkansas, with her new husband and her two children Judy and Bill.

On March 21, 1952, an F-4 tornado picked up their new house with the whole family and a friend of Judy's in it. All five bodies were dropped along with the rubble over an area that extended a mile in length. Both Helen and her husband were killed.

It was at this time that Judy and Bill's biological father, locally known as Jack, drove with other family members to Arkansas even though he had just suffered a life-threatening stroke. He pulled himself together physically and stayed weeks with Judy as she recovered. Then he took both his daughter and son back home with him to Murphysboro.

Judy continued her studies at Logan Elementary, Logan Junior High, and Murphysboro High School, graduating in 1960.

She spent 26 and a half years working in the bookkeeping department at the First National Bank which is now First Bank and Trust of Murphysboro.

She was well known in her neighborhood on north 15th Street. People used to marvel at her decorated house at Halloween and Christmas. Once, during the Apple Festival, she decorated the front windows where she worked and won first place. She spent many hours doing ceramics and working on craft projects.

Judy traveled the country extensively from California to Georgia and from North Dakota to Texas. She often visited family members who were central to her life.

She is survived by her brother William and his wife, Arlyce, her niece, Kimi, her nephew, Jarad, and her niece, Eden. She is also survived by her two great nephews, Dylan and Drew.

Visitation is from 10 to noon on June 30 at the First Presbyterian Church. Then, from noon to two there will be a time of sharing at the church with graveside services at 2 p.m. at Tower Grove Cemetery.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Tower Grove Cemetery

Murphysboro, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church

Graveside

JUN 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Tower Grove Cemetery
Murphysboro, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Judith "Judy" Jean Jackson*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Sandy and I were saddened to hear of Judy's passing. She was a wonderful friend and neighbor to my parents. We send our condolences to her family.*

Elmer and Sandy McRoy

Elmer McRoy - June 28, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *Judy and I were classmates at MHS. I remember her father had a photography studio in Murphysboro and she was an active member in the Masonic Temple women's groups. I hope this is the same Judy Jackson I knew as the age was correct, but no other family details were given. My friend, Judy, worked at the local bank for many years. I regret to learn of her passing, if it is the same woman.*
Patricia Ruble Poole

patricia poole - June 28, 2017 at 09:48 AM



This is the correct Judy. @patriciapoole

Eden Jackson - June 30, 2017 at 07:49 PM